

1. You are Sohum/Saanvi, Secretary, History Association of S.D. Public School, Nabha. Write a notice for the school noticeboard inviting names for a trip to Chandigarh and Solan proposed by the Association. Give all necessary details.

HINTS

- two-day educational
- places to be visited
- cost per head
- chartered bus

Space for Answer

This notice is to inform you all that our school has decided to take all of you to Chandigarh and Solan. There will be a chartered bus and it will be a two day educational trip. The cost per head is ₹800. Places to be visited are Planetarium, lake, Museum etc. Students are requested to contact your respected class teacher.

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Read the following poem carefully :

My New Best Friend

1. Today I met a great new friend
Who knew me right away;
It was funny how she understood
All that I had to say.
2. She listened to my problems
She listened to my dreams;
We talked about love and life,
She'd been there, too – it seems !
3. I never once felt judged by her
She knew just how I felt ;
She seemed to just accept me
With all the faults I'd been dealt.
4. She didn't *interrupt*¹ me
Or need to have her say;
She just listened very patiently
And didn't go away.
5. I wanted her to understand
How much this meant to me;
But as I went to *hug*² her
Something *startled*³ me.
6. I put my arms in front of me
And tried to pull her nearer;
And realized that my new best friend
Was nothing but a mirror.

— Kimberly Kirberger

VALUE POINTS

The poem is about :

The mirror that reflects the viewer's image exactly

Stanza 1

- The viewer's image understands everything of the viewer

Stanza 2

- Viewer's conversation with his own image on love and life

Stanza 3

- the image accepts the viewer's personality without finding fault

Stanza 4

- The image, silent listener

Stanza 5

- The viewer startled when she tried to hug the image

Stanza 6

- The mirror, the viewer's new best friend

GLOSSARY

1. interrupt : stop someone from speaking
2. hug : embrace
3. startled : surprised suddenly

(a) Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet :

- (i) 'She listened to my problems' "She" referred to here is
- (a) an old friend (b) a new friend at school
(c) a mirror (d) a young boy
- (ii) 'I never once felt judged by her' means _____ .
- (a) she was never criticised by her friend (b) she was never appreciated
(c) she was never humiliated (d) she was never observed by her friend
- (iii) 'I wanted her to understand / How much this meant to me' what does this refer to ?
- (a) love shown (b) care shown
(c) patient obedience (d) patient hearing

(iv) 'Something startled me' means _____ .

(a) she was shocked

(b) she started her work

(c) she was filled with happiness

(d) she was filled with disgust

(v) The tone of the poem is _____ .

(a) ironical

(b) confessional

(c) satirical

(d) humorous

(b) Complete the following passage by writing the missing words in each blank.

The speaker feels that (a) She is her new best friend that (b) understands her completely is a patient (c) listener . It (d) understands her and finds no fault with her.